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I think the proposed settlement is an extremely bad idea. The government is clearly bowing to Microsoft special interest groups. The corrective measures are extremely light and will not accomplish any change in anti-competitive behavior. Microsoft has continued to practice anti-competitive behavior even while this case has been before a judicial court. Microsoft has also continued to spread its stranglehold on the technology sector by entering new markets and the continuation of bully tactics. It's a shame that the United States government is afraid to deal with this corporation within the guidelines of the law. I have a BS in Computer Science and work within the software industry. I use Microsoft and non-Microsoft products daily and see this issue clearly without bias. I have formed my opinion after years of industry observation, by being well educated on the subject, and weighing the facts. Obviously Microsoft is buying their way out of the situation and it's unfortunate that most people, including the Justice Department, don't have the technical knowledge to realize what anti-competitive tactics they use to maintain their monopoly.

Sincerely, Eric Spiegelberg